CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA RESOLUTION 2012-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS ACCEPTING THE BROADBAND NETWORK TECHNICAL CONCEPT AND BUSINESS MODEL RECOMMENDED BY ICF INTERNATIONAL

WHEREAS, universal broadband Internet access is increasingly critical to public health and safety, education, economic development, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the 2005 strategic plan, 2008 community survey, and 2010 election show strong public support for broadband Internet service; and

WHEREAS, the best Internet service available in Gustavus today does not cover the entire community and lacks the performance, capacity, and reliability for today's interactive, media-rich Internet content, and is entirely unsuitable for tomorrow's communications; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus requested, and the Alaska Legislature awarded, a grant to plan and design a model community broadband network; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus awarded a broadband planning contract to ICF International to assess the community, to set last-mile networking goals, to develop options for meeting those goals, and to recommend the best options to the City of Gustavus; and

WHEREAS, ICF International has delivered documents "Gustavus Community Assessment" dated June 25, 2012 and "Broadband Deployment Options & Recommendations" dated June 22, 2012; and

WHEREAS, ICF International recommends the City of Gustavus build and own a community-wide hybrid fiber-coax network; and

WHEREAS, ICF's options and recommendations were discussed at length at three public meetings; and

WHEREAS, ICF answered all questions satisfactorily and no opposition has been voiced to their recommendations; and

WHEREAS, The GCN Board moved to accept ICF's recommendations,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Gustavus finds ICF's recommended technical concept appears to be the optimum solution to the community's last-mile networking needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Gustavus accepts ICF's recommendation that the city build and own a hybrid fiber-coax network; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Gustavus directs ICF International to develop the Gustavus Broadband Plan using the recommended options.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the city council this

12th day of <u>Tuly</u> , 2012.	
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